



Monthly Update of Non-Federal Transportation Board Major Actions & Funding

Board/Body	Agency/Mission	Recent Meeting	Next Meeting	Recent Action Related to Transportation in the City of Alexandria	Items for Transportation Commission Consideration or Action
City Council	City Council approves the annual Capital Improvement Program for the City of Alexandria.	27-Sep	9-Oct	At the City Council meeting of September 11, 2012, the City Council endorsed the TransAction 2040 Regional Plan. At the City Council meeting of September 27, 2012, the City Council approved the Alexandria submission for CMAQ-RSTP plan of FY2014-FY2019. City Council also approved the execution of operating and capital funding agreements between DRPT and the City.	None
Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)	Virginia Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Rail & Public Transportation, Dept. of Aviation, Port of Virginia. Board sets transportation policy and funding priorities for Virginia.	19-Sep	17-Oct	At its meeting of September 19, 2012, the CTB received a briefing on how the implications for the Commonwealth of implementing the provisions of MAP-21 which consolidate the Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to Schools, and Recreational Trail programs in to a "Transportation Alternatives" program. Challenges noted included: (1) Combining three programs into one means more activities are competing for fewer resources; (2) Numerous TE, Safe Routes, and Trail projects are already in the pipeline for funding, and some many no longer be eligible; (3) Changing eligibility criteria. In September, DRPT also gave a briefing to all transportation and transit agencies within the Commonwealth on the results of the SJR297 Study. In 2011, the General Assembly directed DRPT study whether there should be a performance-based system of allocating state transit aid funds. Historically, operating assistance has been allocated based on local operating expenses. DRPT's proposed new approach for allocating operating assistance would provide 50% of funding based on operating expenses and ridership and 50% based on various performance measures.	None
Transportation Planning Board (TPB)	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The regional planning body that serves as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization.	19-Sep	17-Oct	The Transportation Planning Board received an update concerning setting safety margins for mobile emissions budgets related in PM 2.5 (Particulate Matter of 2.5 micrometers or less), on a revised method of designating major activity centers, and on a new program to study bus operations on the shoulders of expressways.	None
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)	Nine cities/counties in NoVa with a 16-member board. Charged with preparing and implementing a regional transportation plan.	10-May	12-Nov	No NVTA meeting occurred in August of September, 2012. The Efficiency and Effectiveness study to review the structure of transportation functions in Northern Virginia developed a draft which was distributed prior to the September 27, 2012 meeting of this group.	None
Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)	Manages and controls the functions, affairs, and property of the Northern Virginia Transportation District which is comprised of six member jurisdictions, including Alexandria. NVTC provides a policy forum for its region and allocates state, regional, and federal transit assistance.	6-Sep	4-Oct	NVTC approved some measures needed by the new policy of distributing DRPT funds to the jurisdictions in northern Virginia.	None
Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) Board	Provides rail, bus and paratransit services regionally and determines agency policy and provides oversight for the funding, operation, and expansion of transit facilities.	27-Sep	25-Oct	The WMATA Board approved a revision to the budget of the Potomac Yard Metrorail station EIS project. The Board also authorized its staff to hold public hearings regarding bus service changes which will increase efficiency throughout the system. Following the implementation of Rush+, the Board received a briefing from staff on a marketing plan to encourage some Blue Line patrons to use the Yellow Line.	None
Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)	Regional council of 14 member governments in Northern Virginia that provides information and serves as a mechanism for regional coordination	27-Sep	25-Oct	No new information has been placed on-line since the June 28, 2012 meeting.	None